

D-161  
Thomas Byrn House  
Vienna  
c. 1820  
Private

The Thomas Byrn house, also known more recently as the Piercy house or Gibbons house, stands out in Vienna as part of a small collection of early nineteenth century dwellings that constitute the oldest surviving buildings in the river-front town. This two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame structure shares similar features with other houses, such as flush gable ends, exterior common bond brick chimneys, and an attached service wing.

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Percy is recorded in the Dorchester County land records in an 1885 conveyance between herself and Thomas and James A. Higgins. During the second half of the twentieth century the property was the long-time residence of Malcolm Lee and Althea O'Day Gibbons.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-161

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas Byrn House

other Piercy House, Gibbons House

### 2. Location

street and number 125 Middle Street not for publication

city, town Vienna vicinity

county Dorchester

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Leslee W. Levin

street and number P. O. Box 121 telephone

city, town Vienna state MD zip code 21869

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 686 folio 470

city, town Cambridge tax map 500 parcel 143 tax ID number 040305

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

#### Category

☐ district  
☒ building(s)  
☐ structure  
☐ site  
☐ object

#### Ownership

☐ public  
☒ private  
☐ both

#### Current Function

☐ agriculture  
☐ commerce/trade  
☐ defense  
☒ domestic  
☐ education  
☐ funerary  
☐ government  
☐ health care  
☐ industry  
☐ landscape  
☐ recreation/culture  
☐ religion  
☐ social  
☐ transportation  
☐ work in progress  
☐ unknown  
☐ vacant/not in use  
☐ other:

#### Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	Total

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The Thomas Byrn house, also known as the Piercy house, stands at 125 Middle Street, which is the northeast corner of the intersection of Church and Middle streets, in the river-front town of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame house and service wing, built during the first quarter of the nineteenth century, faces southeast with the gable roofs oriented on a northeast/southwest axis. Supported on an infilled brick pier foundation, the exterior is clad with vinyl siding, and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Dominating the southwest gable end of the house is an exterior, common bond brick chimney stack finished with corbelled shoulders at the second floor level. All of the window sash have been replaced. Attached to the northeast gable end is a story-and-a-half service wing that partially covers a second exterior brick chimney stack that rises against the northeast gable end of the main block. The interior was not open for inspection.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Thomas Byrn house, located at 125 Middle Street, is also known as the Piercy house, and it stands on the northeast corner of the intersection of Church and Middle streets in the center of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland. Built during the first quarter of the nineteenth century, c. 1820, the two-story, three-bay, single-pile main block is supported on an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. A steeply pitched gable roof on the main block is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the northeast gable end of the main block is a story-and-a-half service wing that was built at the same time as the main house.

The southeast elevation of the main block is an asymmetrical three-bay façade with entrances marking the center and north bay. The center entrance is fitted with a replacement door, and a gable roofed porch roof is supported by decorative iron columns. A secondary front entrance to the north is sheltered by a gable-roofed hood supported on stick brackets. To the south of the main entrance is a replacement six-over-six sash window flanked by louvered vinyl shutters. The second story is lighted by three six-over-six sash windows flanked with vinyl louvered shutters. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice covered with vinyl.

The southwest gable end that faces Church Street is dominated by the exterior five-course common bond brick chimney stack. It is finished with a corbelled base and corbelled shoulders at the second floor level. To each side of the chimney stack are replacement six-over-six sash windows flanked by vinyl shutters. Piercing the gable end are small louvered vents. The edge of the roof is finished flush with the bargeboard covered with vinyl as well.

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The northwest (rear) wall is pierced by a pair of six-over-six replacement windows in the outer bays, and each opening is flanked by vinyl louvered shutters, and the second floor is defined by three six-over-six sash windows of smaller dimension.

The northeast gable end of the main block is largely covered by the story-and-a-half service wing, which covers a large portion of the exterior brick chimney stack that rises above the roof and is finished with a corbelled cap. On the southeast side of the service wing, the wall elevation is defined by a pair of small six-over-six sash windows on the north side, whereas the south side is pierced by a paired set of six-over-six sash windows. Attached to the back (northwest) side of the kitchen wing is a single-story shed roofed addition.

The interior was not open for inspection.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The Thomas Byrn house, also known as the Piercy or Gibbons house, stands out in Vienna as part of a small collection of early nineteenth century dwellings that constitute the oldest surviving buildings in the river-front town. This two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame structure shares similar features with other houses such as flush gable ends, exterior common bond brick chimneys, and an attached service wing.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The earliest land record associated with this corner lot is a 1793 patent from the State of Maryland to John Maguire. The property was described as being on the northwest side of High Street in the town of Vienna.<sup>1</sup> While a patent record associated with this corner lot dates from the late eighteenth century, the architectural finishes of this two-story, three-bay frame house dwelling date to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. There is a gap in the land record ownership between John Maguire's ownership and that of John Ennalls of Baltimore City, who, in March 1831, is recorded as the grantor in a deed conveying the property to Thomas Byrn, of Dorchester County, for the sum of \$1,100.<sup>2</sup> The significant transfer price indicates that the extant two-story house was standing on the lot at that time. The next land record associated with the house and lot was recorded in April 1857 when William T. Byrn, Thomas's son and a resident of Baltimore as well, transferred the property to Richard Piercy, who, it is stated in the deed, presently occupied the house.<sup>3</sup> Piercy (also Percy) family ownership lasted through the mid to late nineteenth century with the title passing to William R. Percy. Caroline E. Percy is recorded in the Dorchester County land records in an 1885 conveyance between herself and Thomas

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, ER 12/352, 26 March 1831, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 3/682, 2 April 1857, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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and James A. Higgins.<sup>4</sup> During the second half of the twentieth century the property was the long-time residence of Malcolm Lee and Althea O'Day Gibbons.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, CL 7/110, 19 February 1885, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

<sup>5</sup> Dorchester County Land Records, RSM 66/584, 10 August 1948; 554/247, 26 November 2003, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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Thomas Byrn House  
125 Middle Street  
Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland  
Map 500, Parcel 143

MLB 686/470

Steven E. Levin and Leslee W. Levin

to

10.20.2005

Leslee W. Levin

669/514

Richard B. Olenick and Michelle L. Olenick

to

8.4.2005

Steven E. Levin and Leslee W. Levin

554/247

William D. Gang, Verthea Ann Franz, Robert Lee Gibbons

to

11.26.2003

Richard B. Olenick and Michelle L. Olenick

\$116,900

(Althea O'Day Gibbons having died 2.5.2003)



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315/576

Althea O'Day Gibbons

to

8.8.1994

Althea O'Day Gibbons, life estate, thereafter to William  
D. Gang, Verthea Ann Franz, and Robert Lee Gibbons  
(death of Malcolm Gibbons on 7.13.1994)

RSM 66/584

James A. Outten and Anna B. Outten

to

8.10.1948

Malcolm Lee Gibbons and Althea O'Day Gibbons

JFD 16/79

John D. Bradley and Ella Bradley

to

2.16.1925

James A. Outten

WHM 8/84

Lena M. Morris and others (L. Milton Morris, W. Irving Mace)

to

1.31.1920

John D. Bradley

\$900

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WLR 8/287

James A. Higgins and Alice L. Higgins

to

12.12.1914

Lena M. Morris

\$1,000

CL 7/110

Caroline E. Percy

to

2.19.1885

Thomas Higgins and James A. Higgins

FJH 13/309

William R. Percy (Piercy)

to

6.16.1879

Caroline E. Percy

\$950 (William R. Piercy inherited property from his father  
Richard Piercy)

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FJH 3/682

William T. Byrn, Baltimore

to

4.2.1857

Richard Piercy

...all that house and lot situate lying and being in the town of Vienna....1/2 acre and at present in the occupancy of Richard Piercy, being the same house and lot that Thomas Byrn, the father of William T. Byrn purchased from John Ennalls...

ER 12/352

John Ennalls, Baltimore City

to

3.26.1831

Thomas Byrn, Dorchester County

NW side of High Street...it being a lott of ground conveyed by a patent of the State of Maryland to John Maguire bearing date 6.5.1793

\$1,100.

Groceries, Hats, Caps, Queensware, &c., and all kept in a first class count  
**OLIVER S. RYAN**  
 Contractor and  
 try done with  
 taken at all times.  
**JESSE C. RICHARDS**  
 tractor and Builder. A  
 done with neatness and  
 at all times.  
**T. A. WILLIS, Dealer**  
 Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoe  
 Country Produce taken i  
 at Williams' Road near  
**POWELL & NETTLE**  
 Mill on "Big Blackwal  
 cut to order. Custom w  
 done.  
**THOMAS KING CA**  
 Surgeon. All calls pr  
 in Church Creek.  
**W. A. VANE**, Ship Car



### VIENNA BUSINESS REFERENCES.

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**DR. S. S. EWELL**, Physician and Surgeon, will Practice in Dorchester and Wicomico counties, Md. All calls promptly attended to Day and Night. Office on Race street.  
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**SHERMANN & BE** er "Anna Ellen" p timore. A General  
**GEORGE A. HARR** done in all its Bran Horse-Shoeing a S thing in m... will in Church... Di  
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 Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson Atla  
 1877

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 9,500 square feet  
Acreage of historical setting 1/2 acre  
Quadrangle name Mardela Springs, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	10/14/2010
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

CAMBRIDGE 22 MIN  
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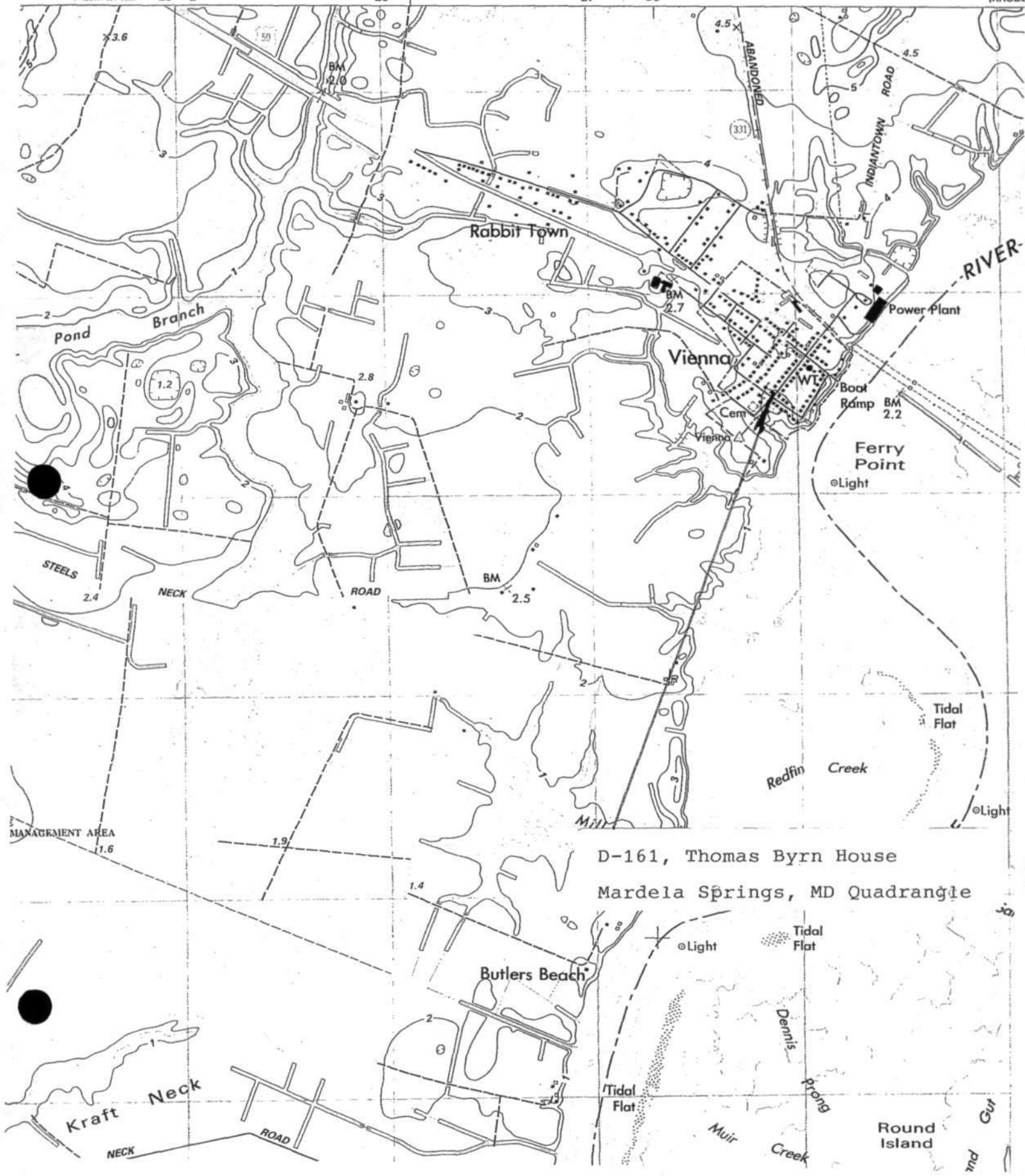
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D-161, Thomas Byrn House  
Mardela Springs, MD Quadrangle



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Thomas Bryan House  
Vienna, Dorchester Co. Md  
Southeast Elevation

10.2010, Paul B. Touant, Photo.

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <u>Malcolm Gibbons House</u>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Middle Street at Church Street</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Vienna</u>				
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		COUNTY: <u>Dorchester</u>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		Public Acquisition:		Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Malcolm L. Gibbons</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Vienna</u>		STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		<u>21869</u>
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <u>Dorchester County Courthouse</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>High Street</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Cambridge</u>		STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		<u>21613</u>
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <u>66/584</u>				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins		<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>Although the fenestration has been changed, the house on the corner of Middle and Church Streets resembles the back of the Percy LeCompte House, being three-bays long with central door. It also has exterior chimneys and a 1½ story kitchen wing. It is typical of Dorchester County's Federal houses of the first quarter of the 19th century.</p>			

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |  |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Summer, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

21401

## 12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

STATE Maryland  
COUNTY Dorchester  
TOWN Vienna VICINITY  
STREET NO. Middle St at Church

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
INVENTORY D-161

ORIGINAL OWNER  
ORIGINAL USE dwelling  
PRESENT OWNER  
PRESENT USE dwelling  
WALL CONSTRUCTION frame  
NO. OF STORIES two

2. NAME

DATE OR PERIOD early 19th cent.  
STYLE Federal  
ARCHITECT  
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC no

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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered NO Interior Exterior fair



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  
Michael Bourne  
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE OF RECORD Summer, 1972

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Percy's Purchase

M. Bourne Summer 1922